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NOTE FOR: Director of Information Resources

HIC Memo on Use of the Scattergood SUBJECT:

Property

## Frank:

- 1. Thanks for sending the HIC memo to us. I have already written to GSA about the Scattergood property. Informally, we hear that GSA is receptive to our request and is likely to give us the use of the property. We also hear that a few McLean residents have asked GSA to restore and maintain the buildings for their historical significance.
- 2. A number of uses have been suggested for that property--including a secure residence for the DCI. When and if we get control of the Scattergood property, we will start to think about what to do with it.
- 3. I appreciate your interest and the HIC's suggestions.

William F. Donnelly

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Directorate of Intelligence

Office of Information Resources

8 December 1986

NOTE TO: Associate Deputy Director for Administration

I am not sure what the plans are for the Scattergood house. I offer the attached as one suggestion from the people in Historical Intelligence Collection. They were encouraged by to bring it to your attention.

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Director of Information Resources

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24 November 1986

MEMORANDUM TO:

Chairman,

Fine Arts Commission

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FROM:

Historical Intelligence Collection

THROUGH:

Curator.

Historical Intelligence Collection

SUBJECT:

Museum Mania or Where Do We Park the Submarine?

Within the past few weeks the property adjacent to CIA Headquarters has become available for Agency possession. This is due to the passing of its long-time owner, Mrs. Scattergood, who, by virtue of an agreement with the Federal government, lived in the house until her death. The property (approximately three acres) and the house are now under the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration, who is waiting for some signal from CIA as to what exactly the Agency could or would do with it.

HIC has an answer.

The house, a well-maintained and impressive structure, could become a museum--a show case for an ever-increasing collection of intelligence-related memorabilia, manuscripts, and artifacts. And this could be accomplished with little in the way of funding or renovation.

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There are two approaches to implementing this suggestion, should the house be made available for such an enterprise. The first would have the Agency's own collection, most of which is entrusted to HIC, housed in the Scattergood building. This proposal takes on a wider, more compelling dimension considering an offer from the Kansas resident who owns an extensive collection of OSS artifacts, part of which he has generously loaned the Agency for exhibit purposes. Recent correspondence from him to C/HIC suggests a willingness to donate this collection, including its two-man OSS submarine, to CIA for permanent retention. has been impressed by the manner in which his collection has been treated and featured in past, temporary displays. While there are no formal guarantees, the general tenor of the man's written and verbal communication certainly suggest he is quite serious about this offer. is conceivable that, in the event the Scattergood property was donated to CIA for the expressed purpose of housing artifacts, this might encourage

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to part with the collection sooner rather than later. In any case, the Agency is amassing its own burgeoning group of intelligence artifacts which would definitely benefit from such a building. Some are currently on display in CIA's Main Library and in "C" corridor. Some are buried in the bowels of Archives. Some are stored in various corners of HIC's cramped and limited office space. While the staff takes every precaution to protect and preserve these items, ours is a task made

difficult by an already woeful lack of space for a collection that seems bent on self-generation. HIC welcomes and prizes these ties to CIA's past. Their display fosters favorable comment and interest from a host of Agency employees and visitors, young and old. A persuasive argument for converting the Scattergood house into an exhibit area for this collection is that more items could be displayed—and preserved—for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future Agency employees.

The second way in which this house could be utilized is if it were designated the home of the National Intelligence Museum--the establishment of which has been championed by those in the wider intelligence community but, which, heretofore, has struggled for survival. Part of the problem has been the lack of suitable and affordable building space. It would, indeed, be a community-wide effort if this property were made available to those who seek to create such a museum. Contact with historians from other intelligence and military organizations particularly the DIA Historian, enthusiasm for such a project. One concern limiting this proposal, indicate however, might be the "Tourist Factor." How much outside visitor traffic generated by the community aspect of this suggestion to an area that is effectively part of CIA is cause for discussion. Also factored in here would have to be the administration and oversight of a collection housed in what, hopefully, will be CIA property, yet features artifacts from a variety of individuals, agencies, and organizations. These two considerations should not cause this idea to be aborted, however. they should only serve to offer the property a second chance at an

HIC believes the house would easily lend itself to either one of these two proposals. It stands now as a legacy to an elderly woman who was both pleased and proud to have given it over to the Federal government. Converting the house to a permanent exhibit building in order to preserve generosity while preserving the physical integrety of the structure and grounds. And, yes, high level receptions could be held here, as well, offering to some on the outside a glimpse at a past we honor.

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